

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the consideration of the present application afforded by the Examiner. Claims 1 and 2 were pending prior to the Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended and 2 has been canceled through this Reply. Therefore, independent claim 1 is pending. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph Rejection

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Through this Reply, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include, *inter alia*, “while said release film is held between said lower mold and said middle mold” in order to expedite prosecution.

Claim 1 has been amended as suggested in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that the §112, second paragraph rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by, alternatively, Miyajima (US 6,080,354), Lajza, Jr. et al. (US 6,306,331), and McGlashen et al. (US 4,618,466).

Through this Reply, Applicants have canceled claim 2, rendering the § 102 rejections of claim 2 moot.

Applicants note that the cancellation of claims in this Reply shall not be construed as acquiescence to the grounds of rejection brought forth by the Examiner in the Office Action, and are made merely in the interest of expeditious prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled limitation in any future continuation application deriving from the instant application.

CONCLUSION

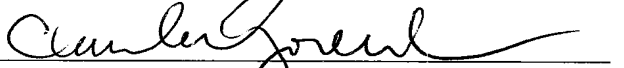
All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John R. Sanders, (Reg. No. 60,166) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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